## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of providing information, goods or services to employees, comprising the acts of:

identifying information, goods or services for assisting employees in performing their employment tasks;

identifying providers of the identified information, goods or services; and developing a website that enables the employees to obtain the identified information, goods or services from the identified providers.

2. The method as recited in claim 1, comprising:
using the website to provide information, goods, or services to employees within a single business.

developing a configurable website system that enables a plurality of websites to be developed, each website enabling a business to provide information, goods, or services to assist employees perform their jobs.

4. The method as recited in claim 3, wherein only the business's employees are provided information, goods, or services.

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The method as recited in claim 3, comprising: providing a business with a template of information, goods, and services; and developing a website for the business based upon the business's choices of desired information, goods, of services selected from the template.

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The method as recited in claim 5, comprising: including the providers of the information, goods, or services in the template; and developing the website for the business based upon the business's choices of desired providers of information, goods, or services.

The method as recited in claim 3, comprising: providing computer hardware, software, or services to assist a business in operating a website to provide employees with information, goods, or services.

8. The method as recited in claim 3, comprising: providing computer hardware, software, or services to assist a business in extending an Intranet system to a website accessible to employees of other businesses.

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9. A system for providing information, goods, or services to employees, comprising: a website providing information to a/business's employees and enabling the employees to use the website to order products or services.

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The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the employee is an employee of the business operating the website.

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11. The system as recited in claim 9, comprising:

an electronic information system; and

a plurality of terminals that provide access to the website for a plurality of the business's employees.

12. The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the system comprises:

a computer network; and

a computer program stored in the computer network.

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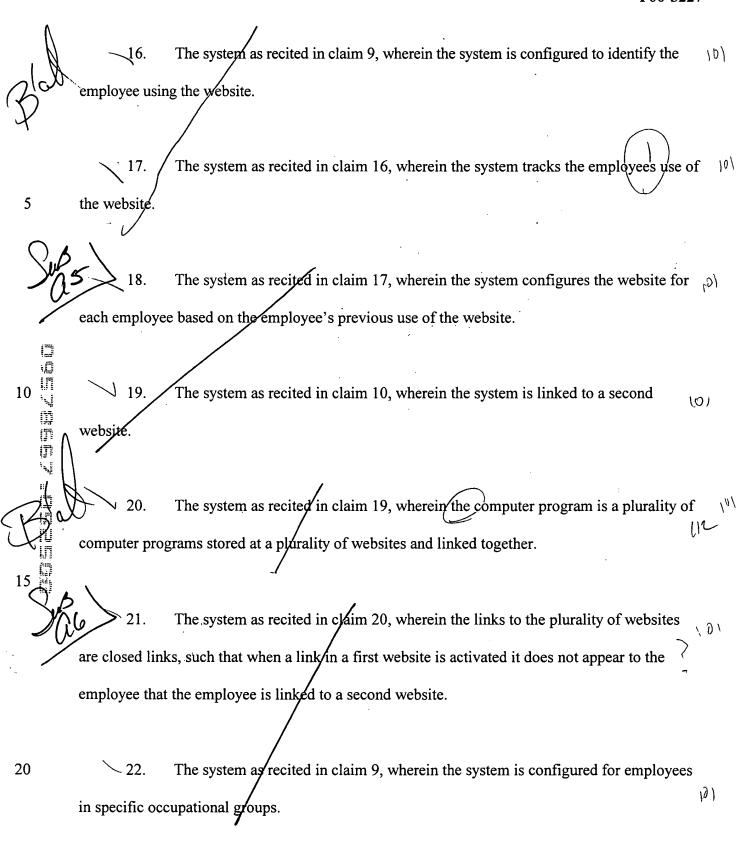
business with the ability to select from a template of information, goods, and services that the

website may provide the business's employees.

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15. The system as recited in claim 12, wherein the system routes an employee's order for goods or services through the system for processing by the employee's employer.

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23. A template for a configurable website, comprising:

a tangible medium storing a computer software program, the software program being

configurable to provide selected information, products or services to employees via

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24. The template as recited in claim 23, wherein the employees are the business's 7 - 3 complete.

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25. The template as recited in claim 24, wherein the computer software program is accessible via the internet.

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26. The template as recited in claim 23, wherein information, products or services is provided by a second website party via a link to the second website.

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- 27. The template as recited in claim 23, wherein the website is configured by the business for an employee in a specific occupational field.
  - 28. A method for an employee of a business to procure goods, or services, comprising: providing a website having a menu of goods or services available for purchase by an employee;

accessing the website having a menu of goods or services available for purchase by an employee;

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placing an order for desired goods or services by selecting the desired goods or services from the menu;

obtaining approval from the business for purchase of the order;;

sending an electronic representation of the approved order to a source via the electronic

information network; and

providing the employed with the goods or services.

29. The method as recited in claim 28, wherein obtaining approval from the business for the purchase comprises:

automatically sending an electronic representation of the order via the website to an approval authority with the employee's employer.

30. The method as fecited in claim 28, wherein obtaining approval from the business for the purchase comprises:

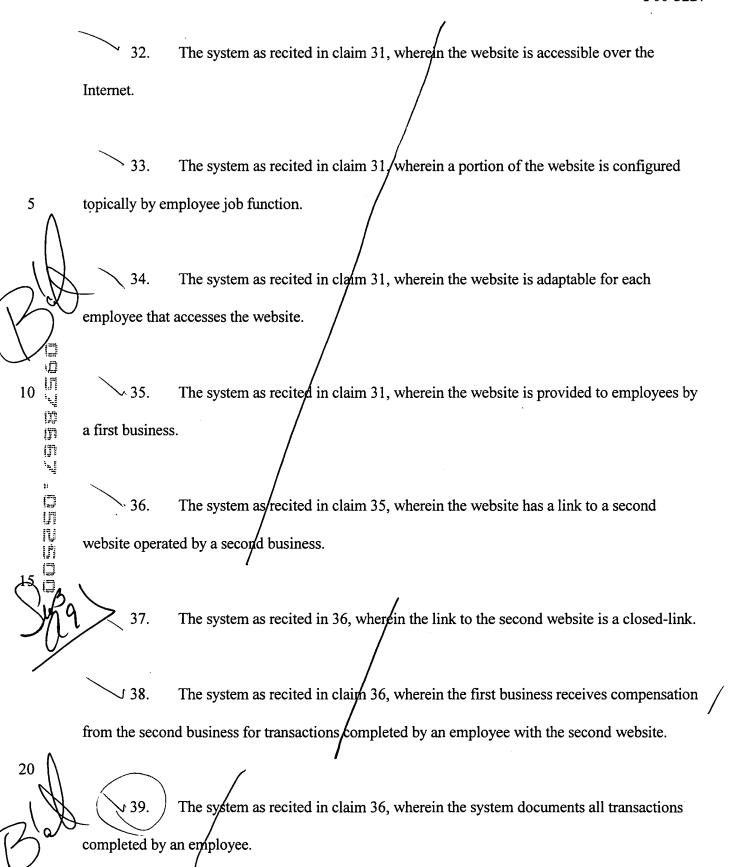
providing an automated approval process based on a set of instructions stored at the website.

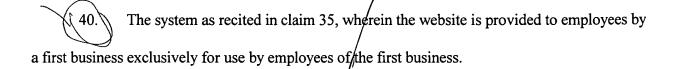
31. A system for providing information, goods, or services to employees, comprising:

a computer; and

a website hosted by the computer, wherein the website enables an employee to obtain information, goods, or services to assist the employee perform employment functions.

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- business may select the information, goods, or services to be displayed on the website.
- 42. The system as recited in claim 31, wherein the information, goods, or services includes a computer software application stored on the computer.
- 43. The system as recited in claim 31, wherein the information, goods, or services includes a computer software application accessed from a second website.



